

Stock Island and Key Haven Survey Results



Dear residents of Stock Island and Key Haven,

The results are in from the community survey. Of the 2,700 households that received the surveys, a total of 121 responded. The questions asked provided insight into the following issues; what you like most about living in your community, where and how you get to work, recreational and community facilities your community needs, economic development, community character, growth management and land use.

If you attended one or two of the Stock Island and Key Haven Livable Communikeys community meetings, you may have noticed some similarity between the questions in the survey and those asked at the community meetings. We hoped that by having some overlap in the questions, we could reach a consensus on views from as many people as possible. As a reminder, if you are interested in checking out the results of the first community meeting they are in the second newsletter.

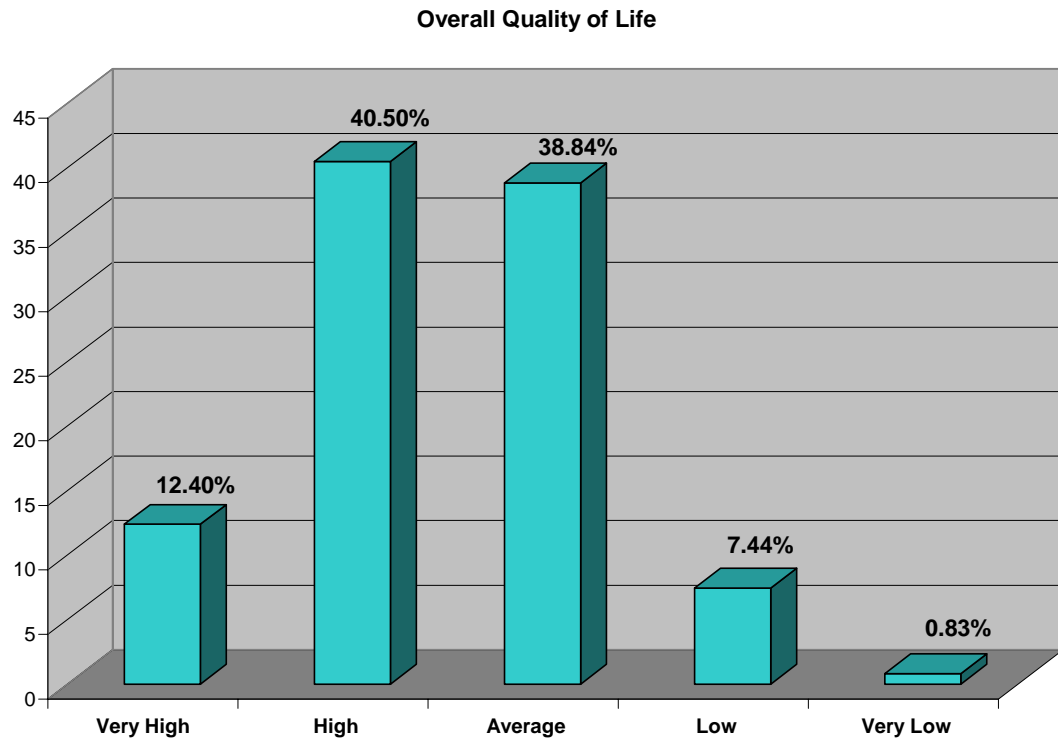
For all of those who have participated in the survey and the CommuniKeys meetings, we want to thank you for your input and dedication to the creation of a plan that reflects your community needs. Without your input, this plan would not be nearly as successful in addressing those needs and concerns.

Sincerely,

Monroe County Planning Staff



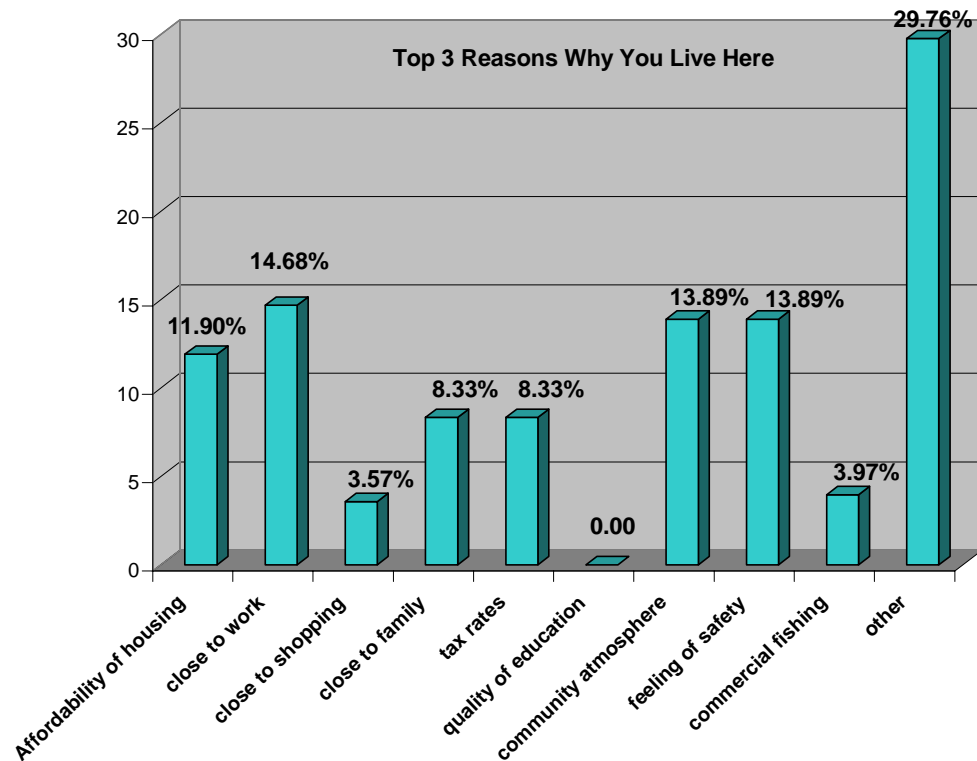
1. Taking all things into consideration, how would you rate the overall quality of life in your Island Community?



In total, 52.9% of the respondents report the quality of life within the island community of Stock Island/Key Haven to be between high and very high. In contrast, only 8.27% report the quality of life to be between low and very low. 38.84% report the quality of life to be average.



2. What are the top three reasons why you choose to live here? (check three).



Of the available options, closeness to work was the most popular reason for people to live in the Stock Island/Key Haven area. The other two most popular responses were the community atmosphere and the feeling of safety.

29.76% of the responders chose the “other” options. Of the various responses, proximity to water was the most popular. This included those with and without water front property. In addition, the climate played a large affect. However, unique to Stock Island/Key Haven was the third most popular “other” option of fishing.



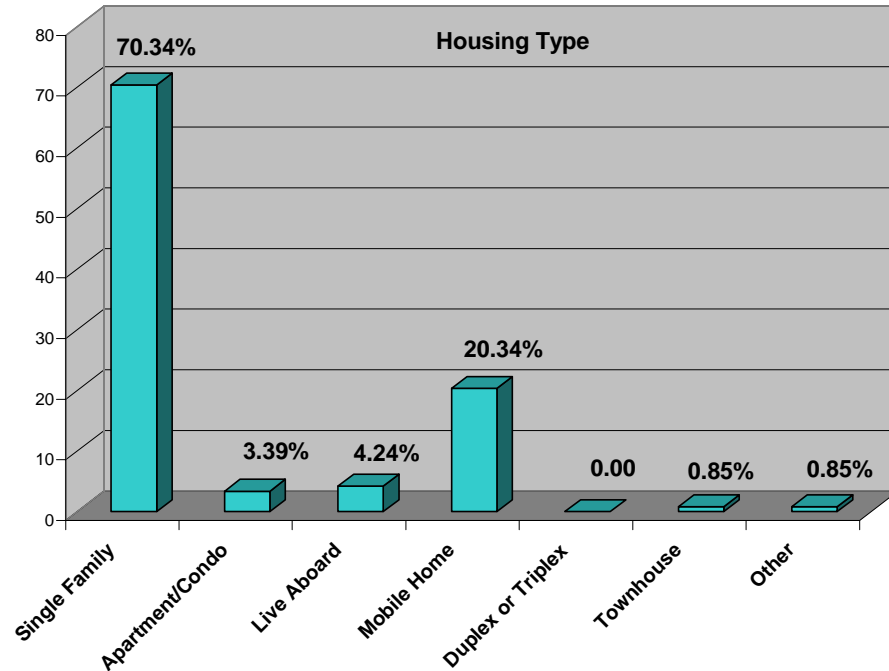
3. If you moved into this area within the last 10 years, where did you live immediately before moving to this area?

Of the 121 mailed in responses, 40 had moved into the area within the last 10 years. These 40 people made up roughly 30% of the total responses. Of the 40, 19 or roughly 50% moved into the area from another part of Florida. Ten of the 19 previously lived in Key West. Five respondents were born and raised in the Keys and/or Stock Island/Key Haven.

The various states that people have moved from include Alabama, Arizona, California, Connecticut, Indiana, Illinois, Massachusetts, Michigan, Missouri, New Jersey, Nevada, New York, Ohio and Pennsylvania.



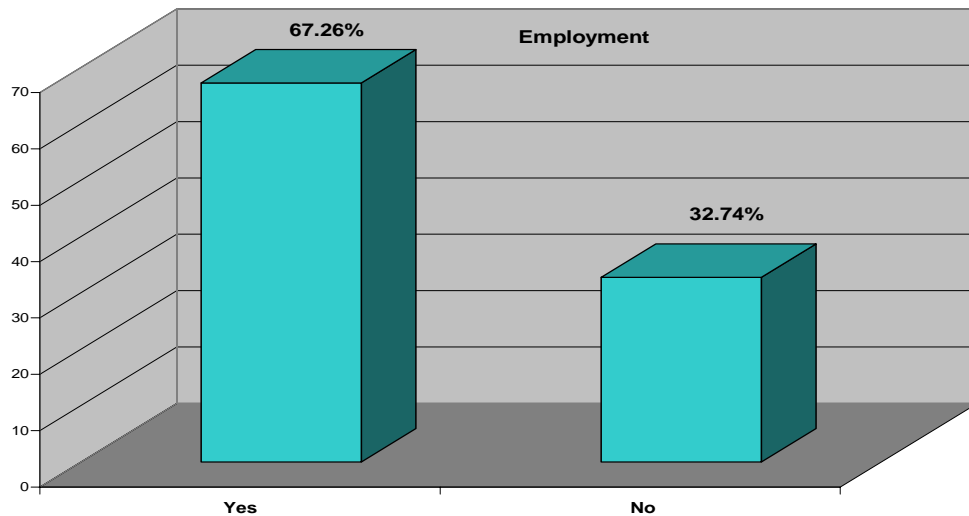
4. Which of the following choices best describes the type of housing in which you now live? (Check one).



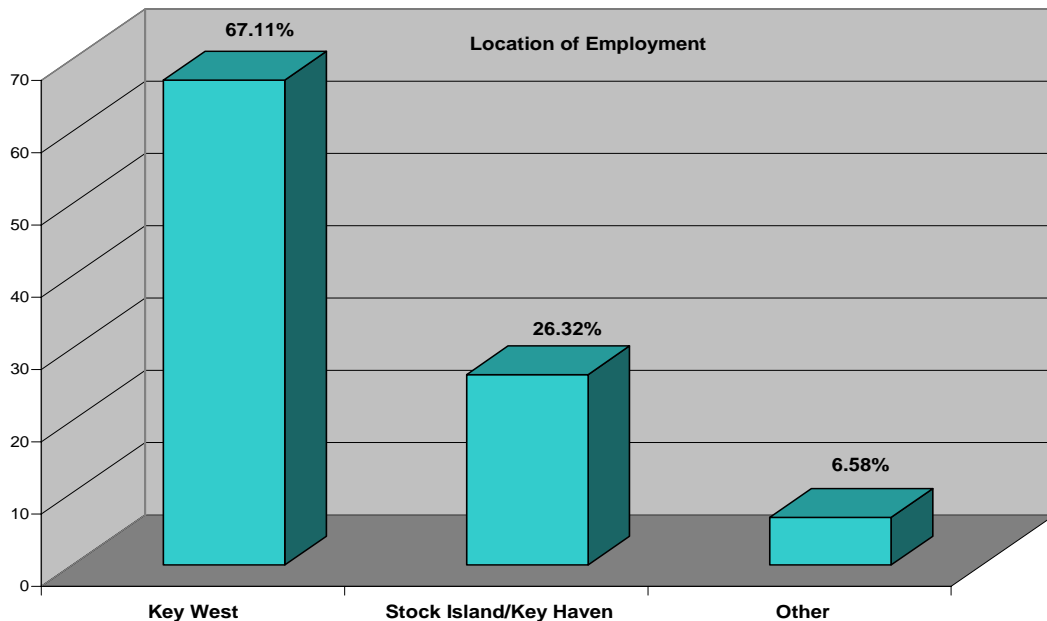
Clearly, the majority of respondents live in single family housing units. Specifically, 70.34% of the respondents live in single family dwelling units. Exactly 50% more people live in single family than they do in the second leading category for dwelling units; mobile homes. Specifically, 20.34% of the respondents live in mobile homes. The third highest occupied dwelling type is the live aboards at 4.24%.



5. a). Are you Employed? b.) If yes, Where?



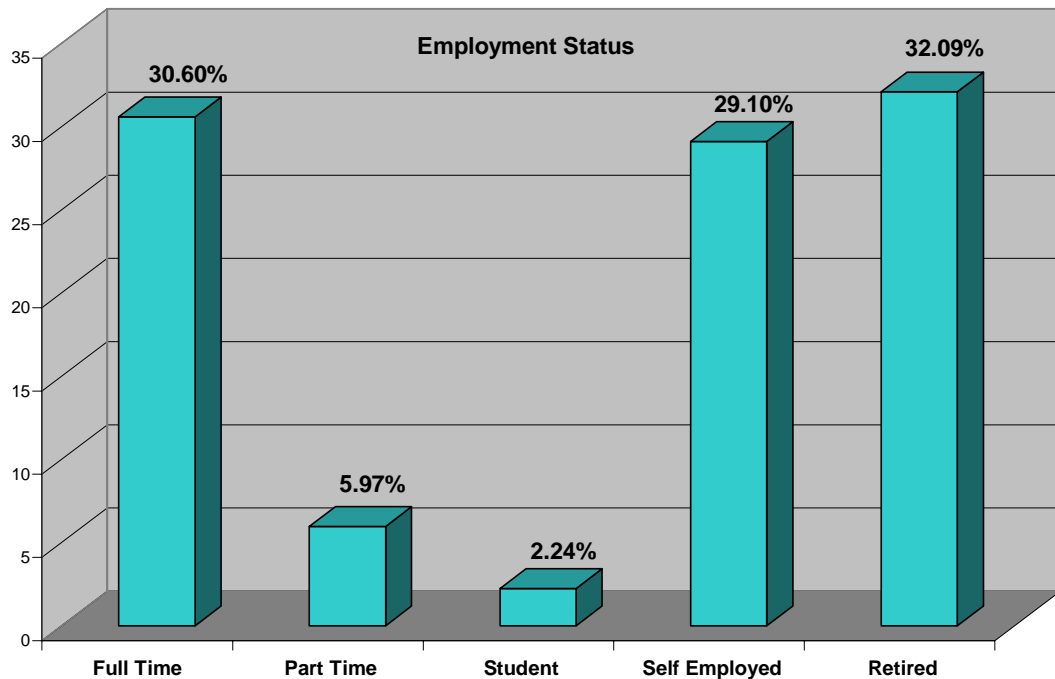
The employment rate for the Stock Island/Key Haven study area is 67.26%. Those who were not employed claimed retirement. These people are generally retired, and one responder claimed to be on Medicaid.



Of the 67% employed, the majority work in neighboring Key West. Second, is Stock Island. Of the available options, none of those employed worked in Marathon, Islamorada, Key Largo or Miami. Some of the "other" responses included employment in another state.



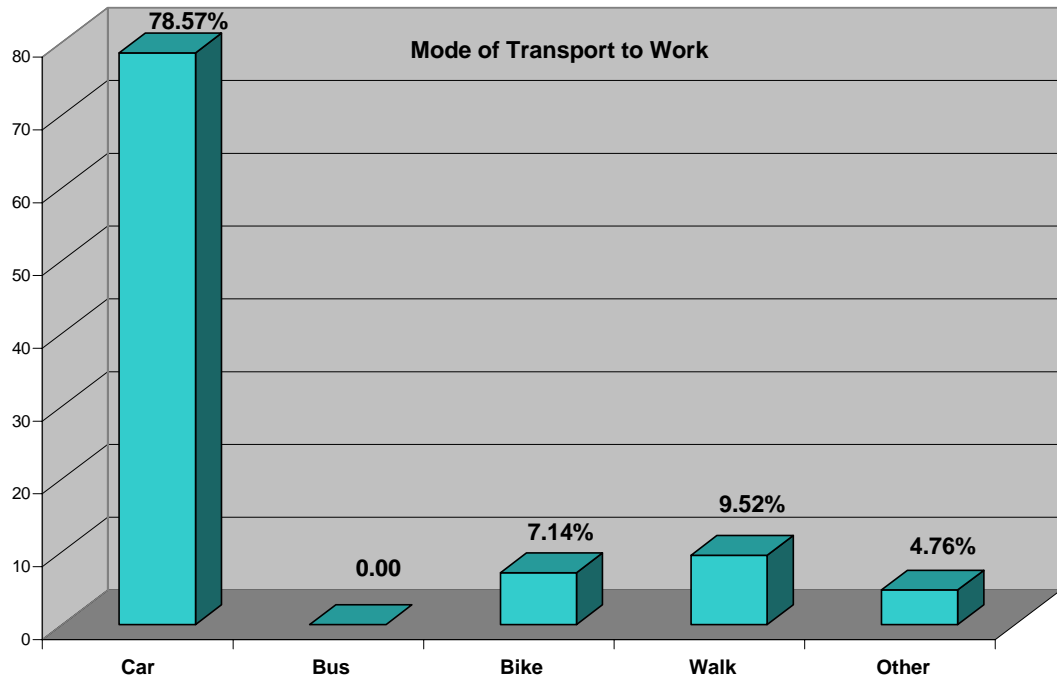
6. What best describes you? (check all that apply).



There is an almost equal percentage of people living in Stock Island/Key Haven that are either employed full time or retired. Close behind are those that are self employed. Of those that are self employed, the majority are business owners. The second leading self employed response was those related to the fishing industry, commercial and private.



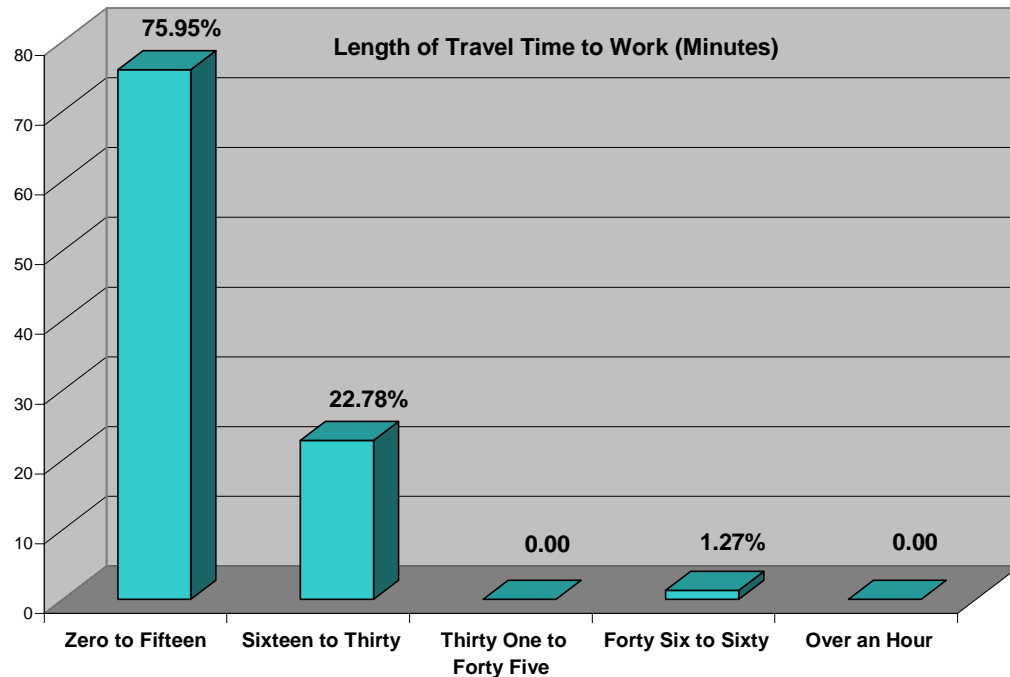
7. How do you get to work? (check one).



The leading mode of transport is the automobile at 78.57%. Walking is the second most popular mode at a much smaller percentage of 9.2%. Close behind is the bicycle at 7.14%.



8. Approximately how long does it take you to get to work? (Check One)

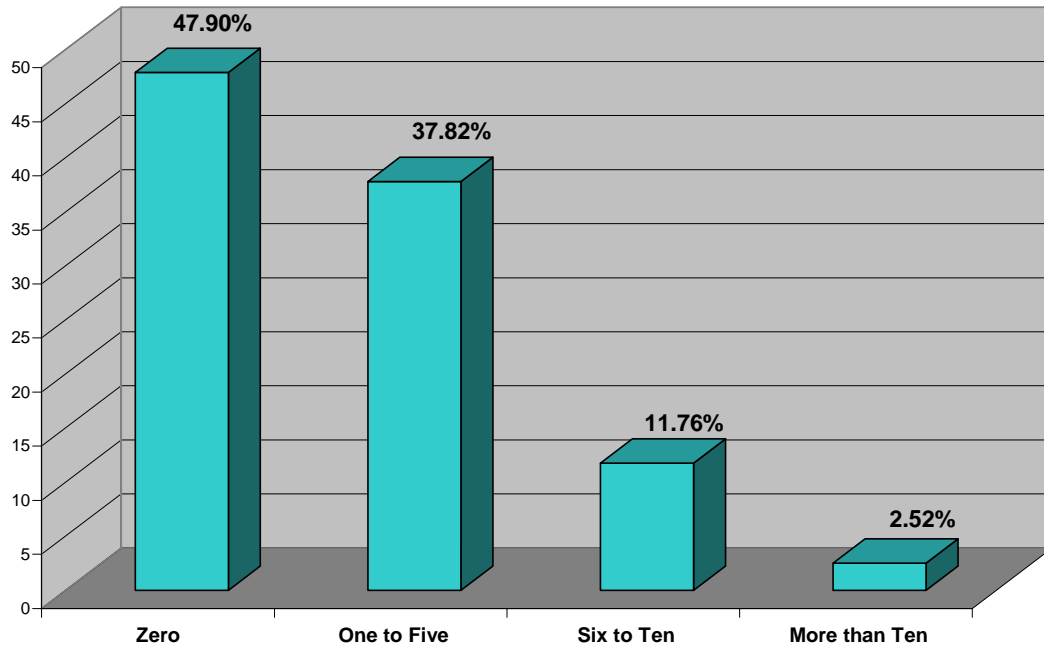


Considering that the majority of people employed work in neighboring Key West , it is not surprising that 75.95% of the responders spend at most 15 minutes traveling to work. The second leading travel time is sixteen to thirty minutes. This could also correlate with the secondary and tertiary modes of transport which are walking and the bicycle. Again, based on the popular responses of job location which included both Stock Island and Key West, no one spends 31-45 minutes or over an hour traveling to work. Only one responder spends 46-60 minutes traveling to work.



9. How many Planning Commission and/or Board of County Commission Meetings have you attended or watched on T.V. in the past 12 months? (Check one)

Amount of Planning Commission and/or Board of County Commission Meetings Attended or Viewed

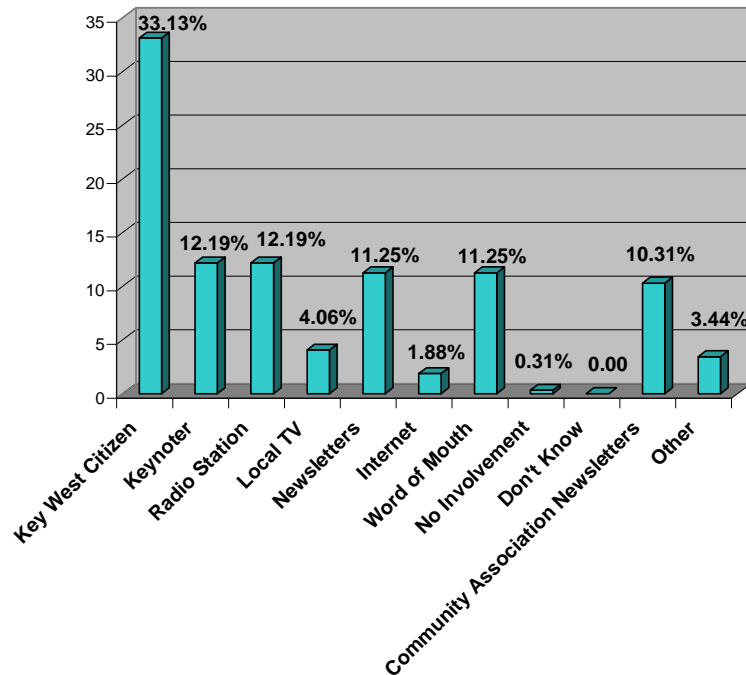


Just a little shy of half of the responders have never attended or watched a planning commission meeting. However, 52.10% of the responders have attended between one and more than ten meetings. 37.82% have attended between one to five meetings. The percentages of attendance decrease with an increase of meetings. Therefore, there is an inverse relationship between the number of meetings and the number of meetings attended.



10. What three sources of information are most effective for keeping you informed of public decisions, meetings, and community participation opportunities? (Check up to three)

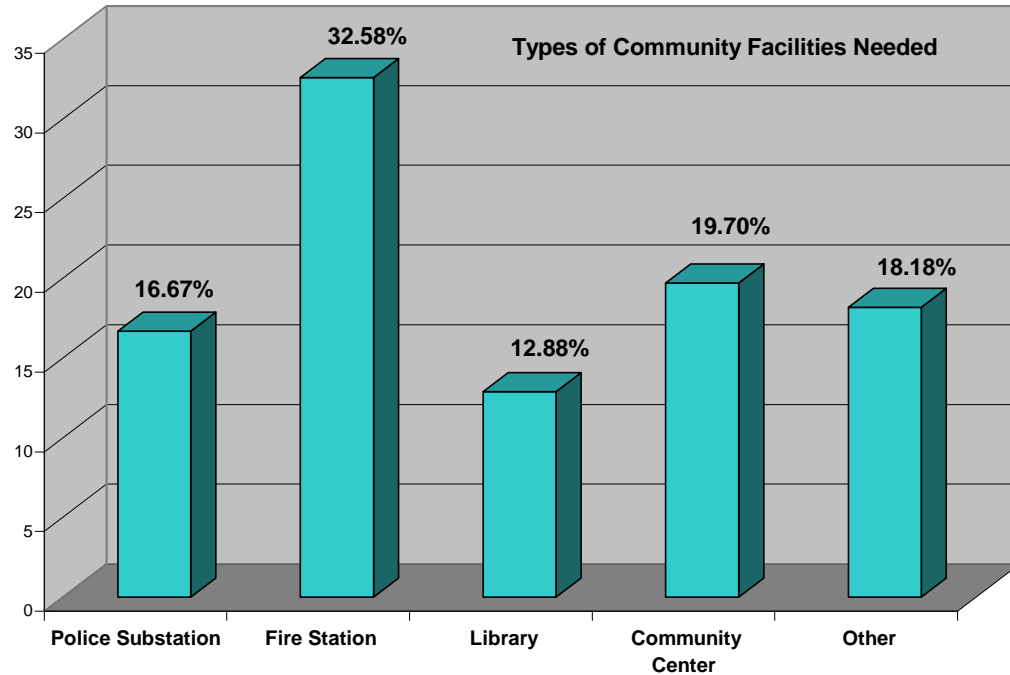
Top Three Sources of Information Keeping You Informed of Local Matters



The Key West Citizen is the most popular choice for information on local issues. The next most popular sources are each close in their percentages and include the Key Noter, radio, newsletters, word of mouth, and community association newsletters.



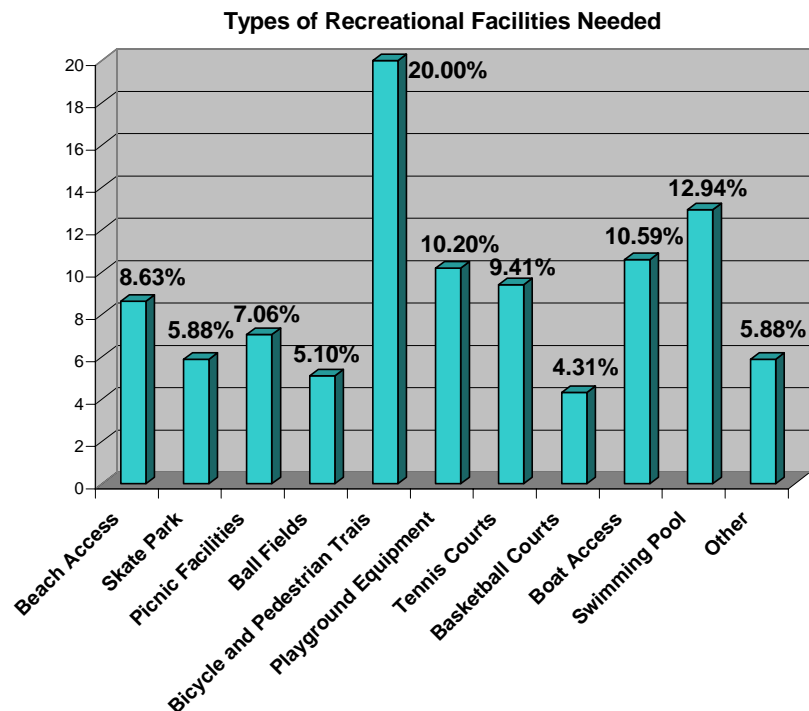
11. Which of the following types of community facilities do you feel your community has a need? (Check all that apply)



Of the community facilities felt to be most needed, a fire station was at the top of the list at 32.58%. The second most desired facility is a community center at 19.70%. In third place are the “other” responses. Of those, the most popular “other” response was a post office. However, the request for a post office only made up 6.8% of the total.



12. Which of the following types of recreational facilities do you feel your community has a need? (Check all that apply)



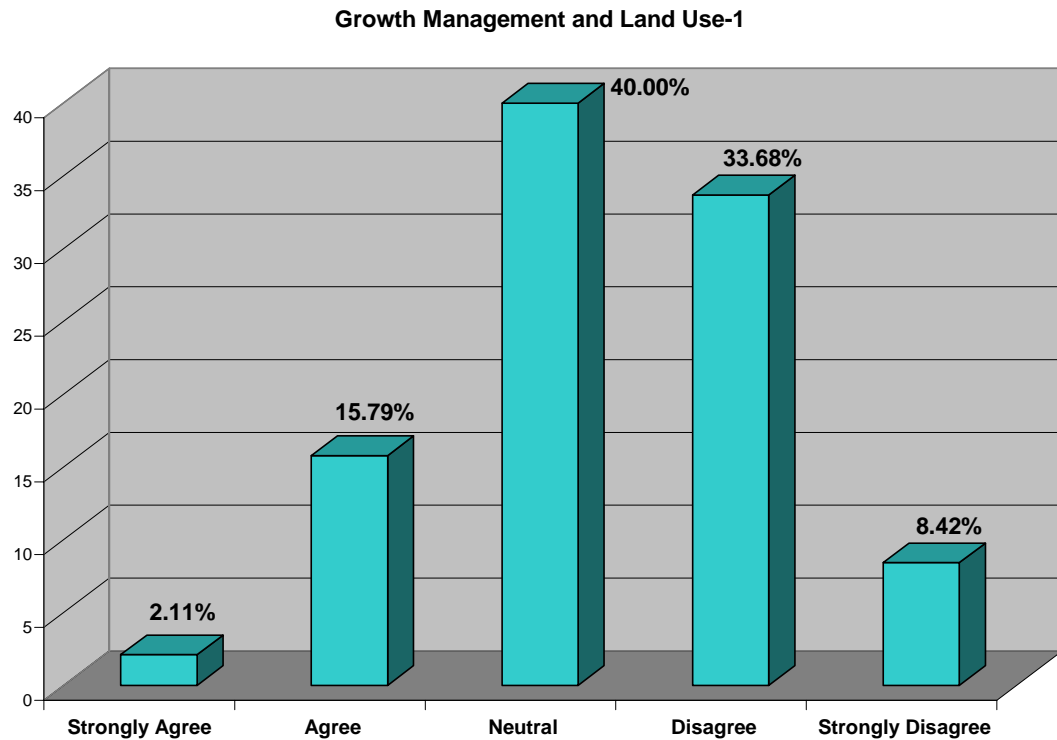
The recreational facility the Stock Island/Key Haven community has the most need for is a bicycle and pedestrian trail at 20%. In addition, the following responses were included in the previous question of community facilities and relate to bicycle/pedestrian trails; bicycle path leading to Miami, restoration of the historic roadway and/or a hiker/biker right of way, and sidewalks.

Between 10% and 12% of the responders also feel the community needs the recreational facilities of a swimming pool (12.94%), boat access (10.59%), and playground equipment (10.2%).



Growth Management and Land Use

1. I am aware of the amount and location of future development that is planned for my community as indicated in the 2010 Comprehensive Plan and future land use maps.

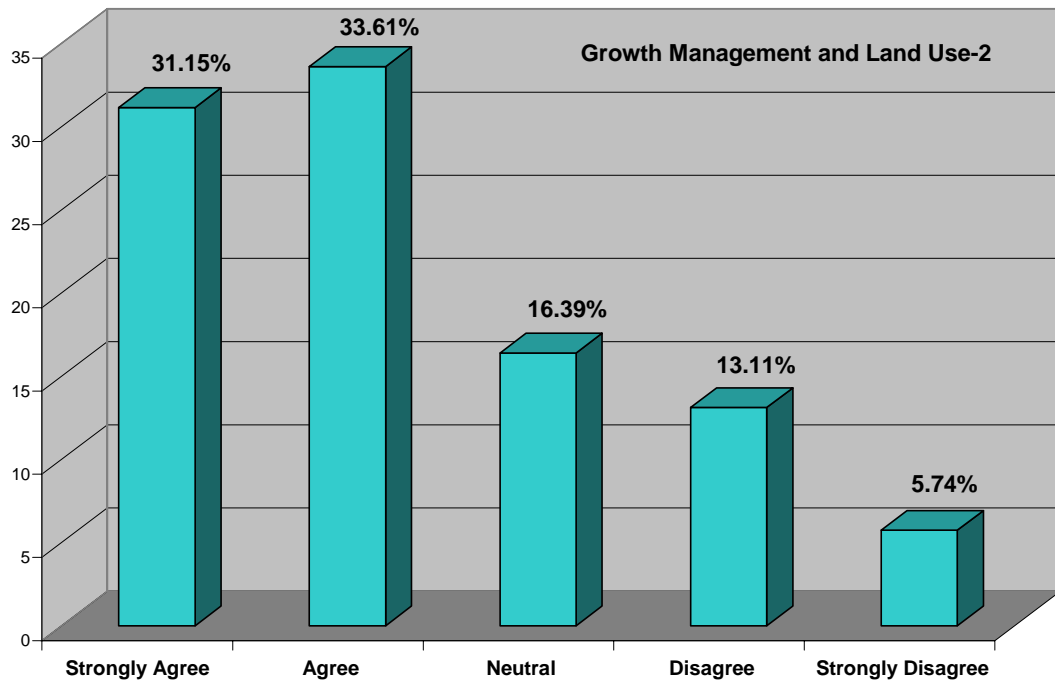


For whatever reason, this question was left blank by many of the respondents and comments were made in reference to an amount of confusion surrounding this question. That may explain why the answer of neutral is as high as it is at 40%. On the other end, 42.10% either disagreed or strongly disagreed with this question.



Growth Management and Land Use

2. I think residential and commercial uses should be separated.

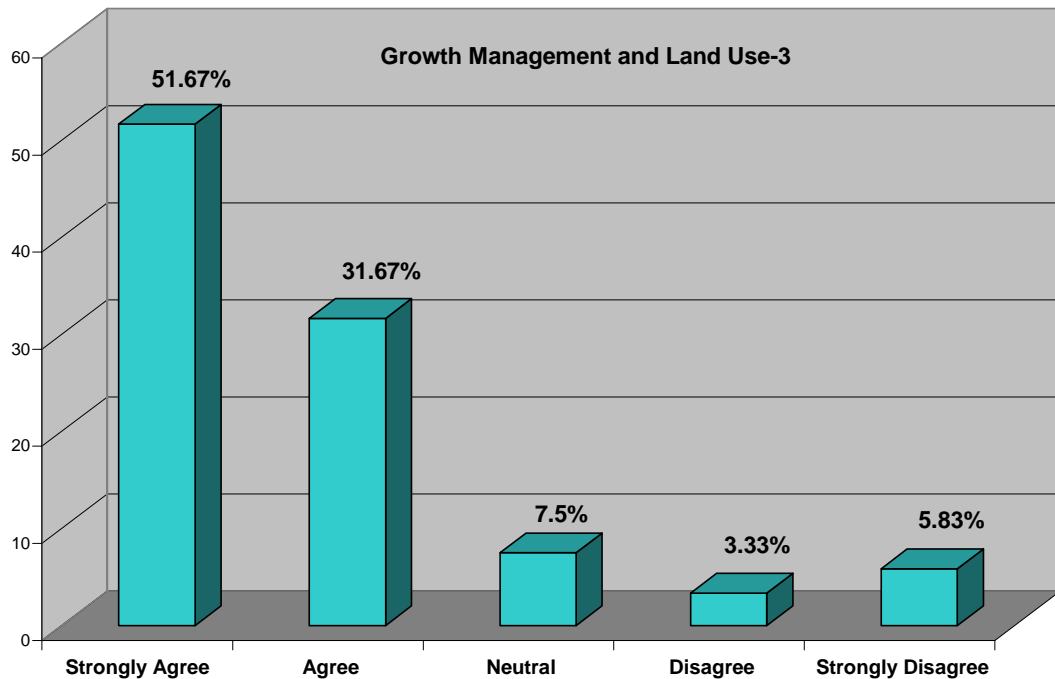


64.76% of the responders either agree or strongly agree that residential and commercial uses should be separated. Of the remaining responses, 18.85% either disagree or strongly disagree that they should be separated. 16.39% remain neutral to the location of residential and commercial uses.



Growth Management and Land Use

3. I recognize that the preservation of our natural resources is of major importance to preserving our quality of life.

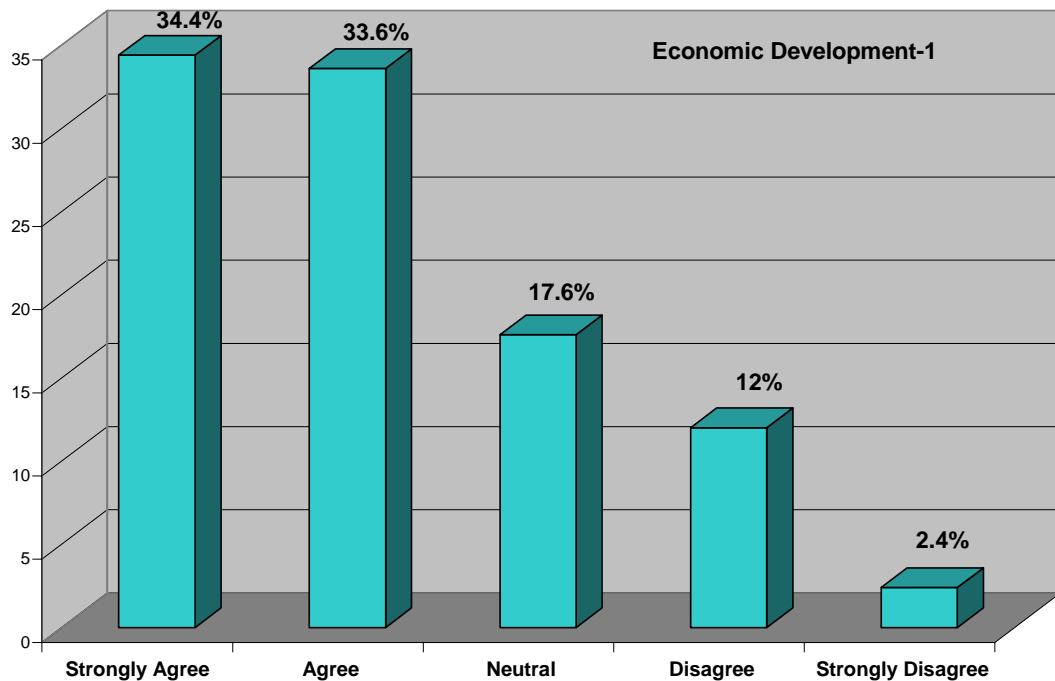


83.24% of the responders either agree or strongly disagree that the preservation of natural resources is of major importance to preserving the quality of life. Only 9.15% disagree or strongly disagree with the proceeding statement. Even fewer, 7.5% feel neutral about the subject.



Economic Development

1. The community should maintain the amount of land available for light industrial and commercial fishing.

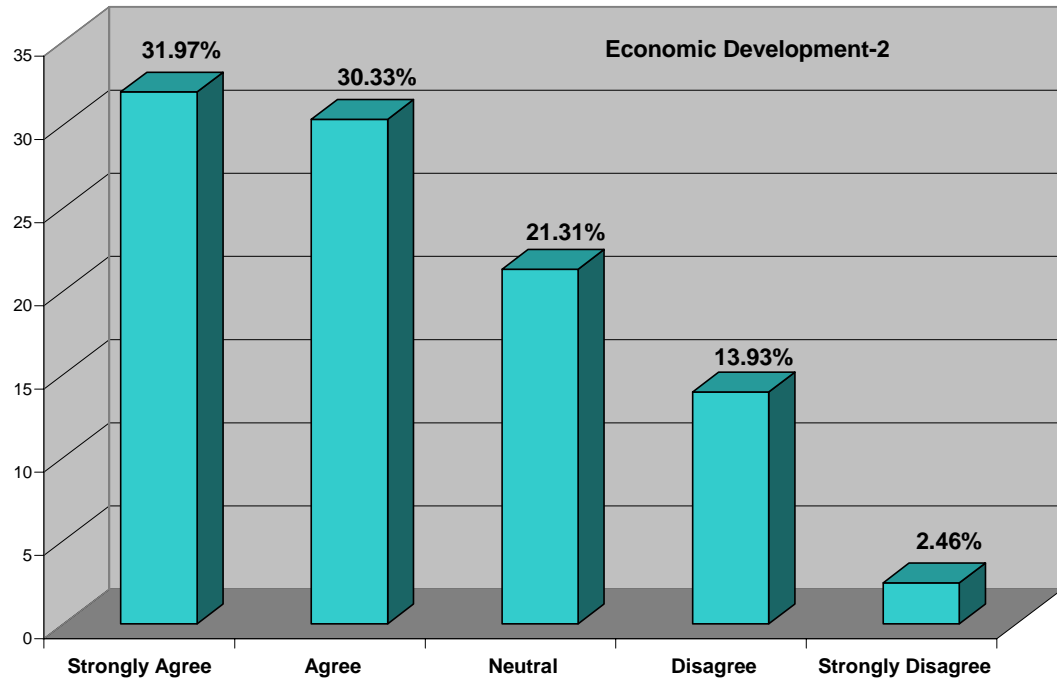


68% of the responders either agree or strongly agree that the amount of land available for light industrial and commercial fishing should be maintained by the community. Only 14.4% disagree or strongly disagree with the previous statement. 17.6% of the responders felt neutral about the subject.



Economic Development

2. I support efforts to help revitalize the area all along US 1.

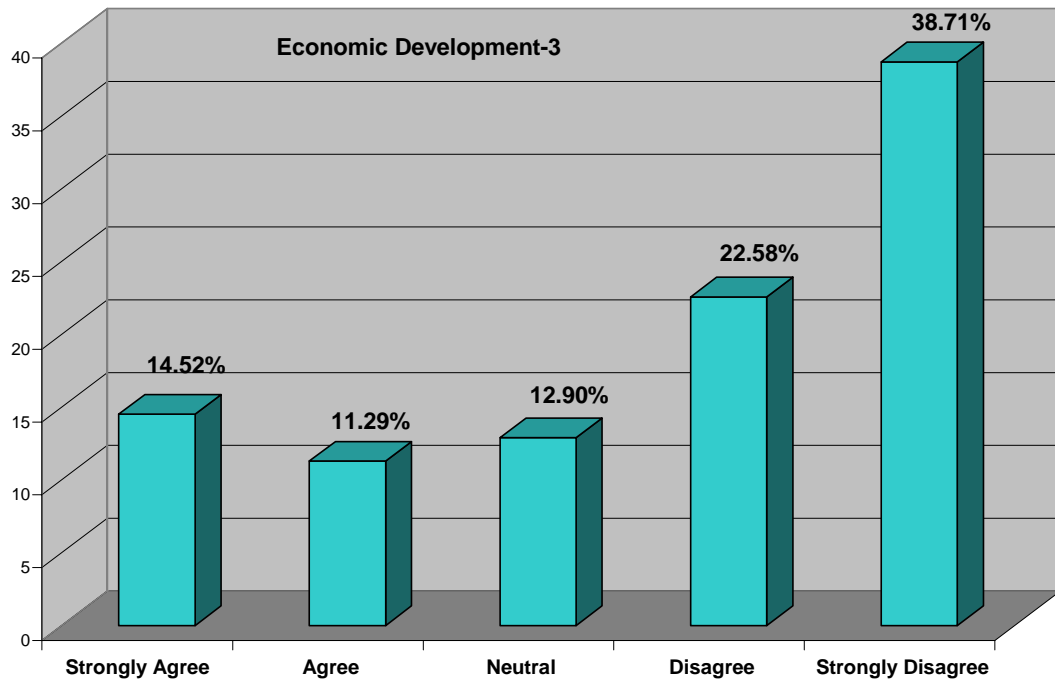


Again, a high percentage (61.30%) of the responders either agree or strongly agree to support efforts to help revitalize the area all along U.S. 1. 15.39% either disagree or strongly disagree with these efforts. A higher percentage, 21.31% remain neutral.



Economic Development

3. I support increased tourism industry uses, including tourist housing (hotels, motels, vacation rentals).

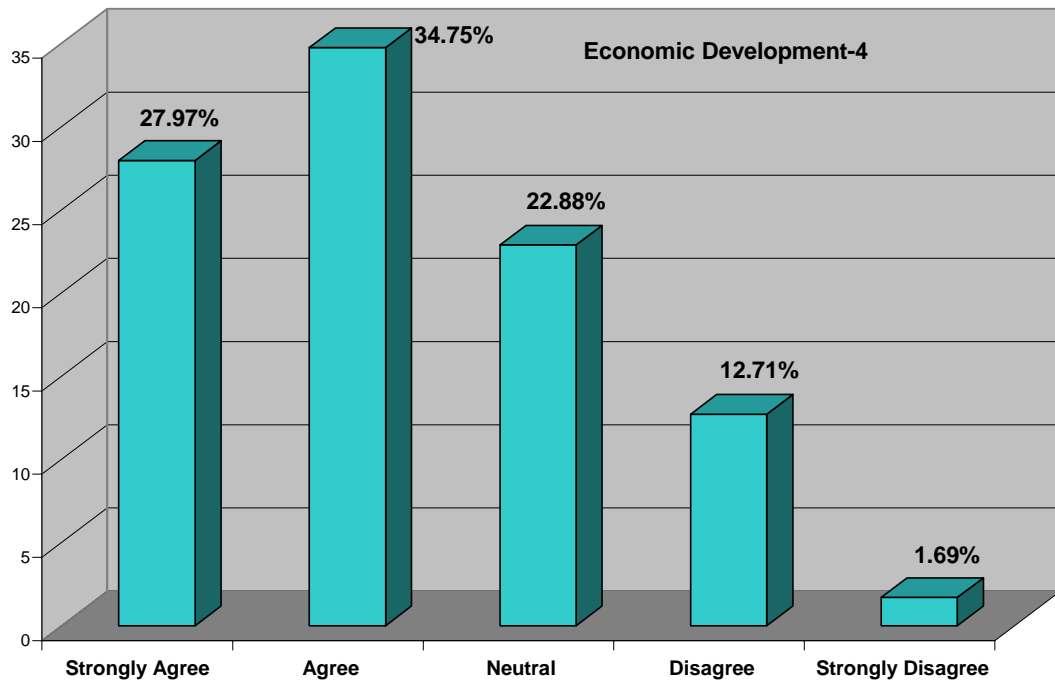


Most of the responders strongly disagree with increased support for the tourism industry. In total, 61.29% either disagree or strongly disagree. 25.81% of the responders either agree or strongly agree and only 12.90% remain neutral.



Economic Development

4. I support current regulations in the Comprehensive Plan that protect the commercial fishing industry.

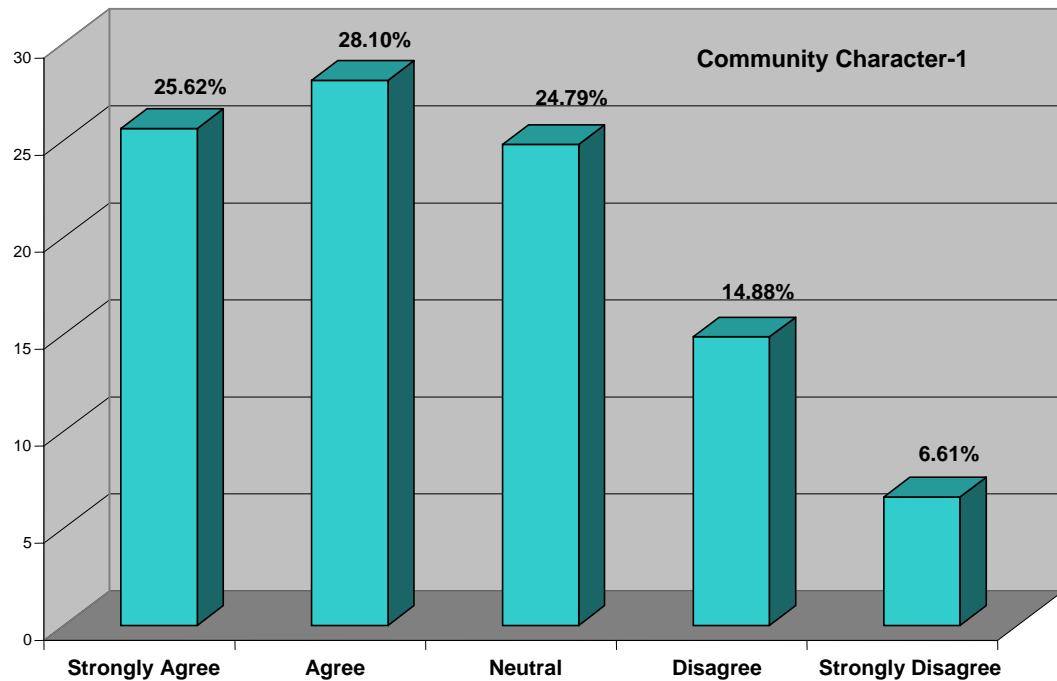


Just as the first economic development question concerning the amount of land for light industrial and commercial fishing indicated; there is strong support for the protection of the fishing industry. 62.72% of the responders either agree or strongly agree with protecting the commercial fishing industry. Only 13.40% disagree or strongly disagree. 22.88% of the responders are neutral.



Community Character

1. I support adopting an ordinance allowing a uniform design for off premise signs.

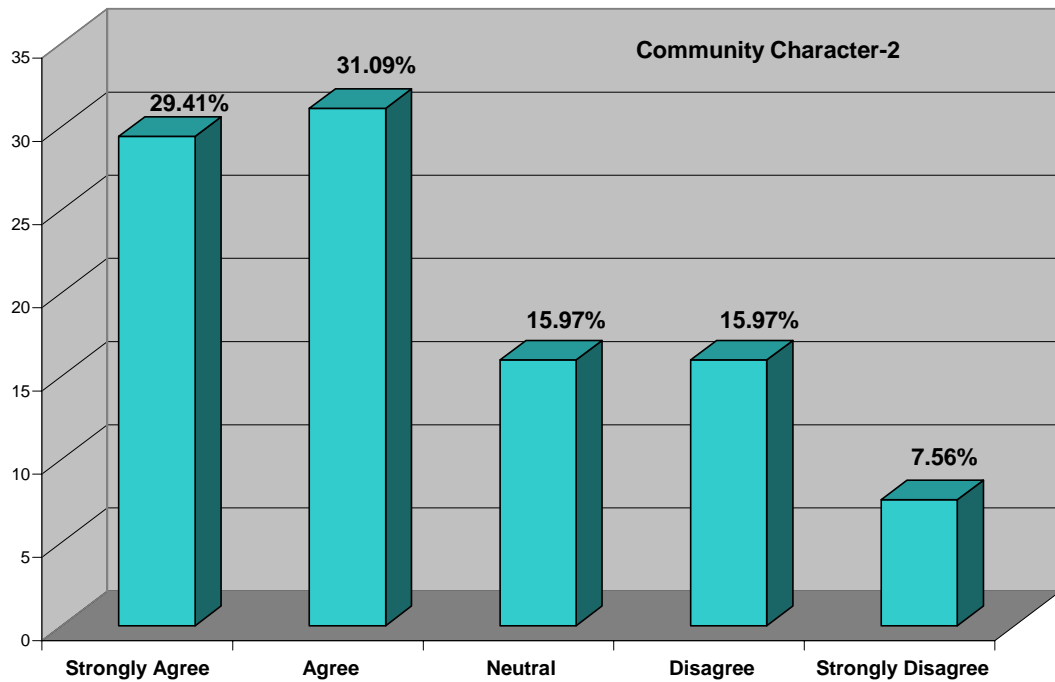


53.72% of the responders either agree or strongly agree with the adoption of an ordinance for the uniform design of an off premise sign. 21.41% either disagree or strongly disagree with the adoption of an ordinance. An even larger percentage, 24.79% remain neutral



Community Character

2. I support adopting an ordinance to impose minimum housing maintenance standards on houses and mobile homes.

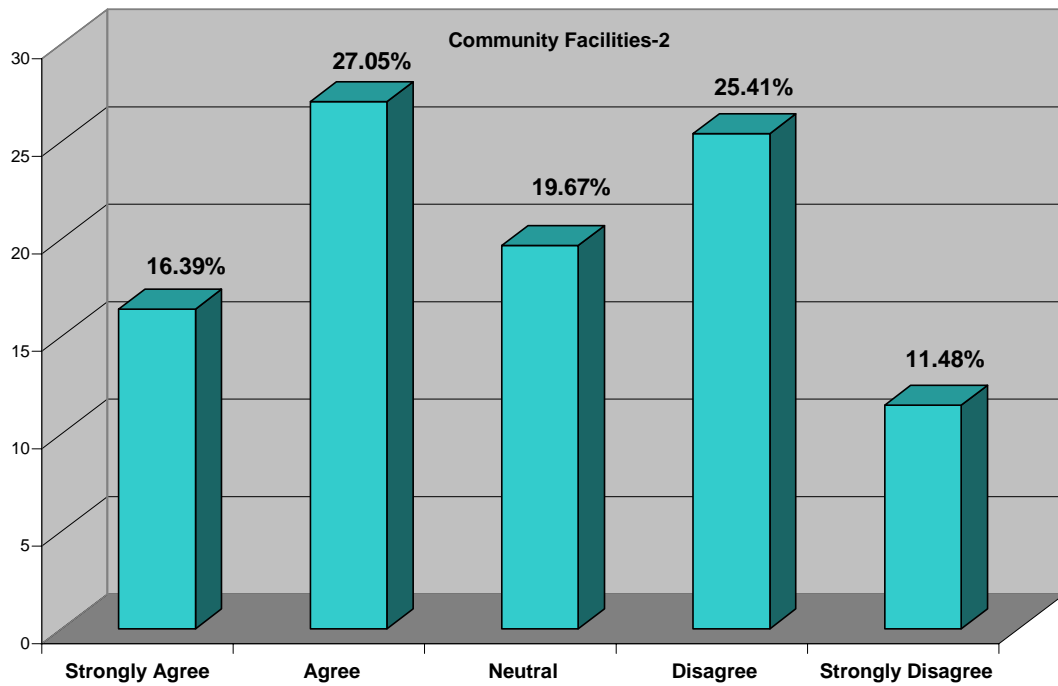


60.5% of the responders either agree or strongly agree with adopting an ordinance to impose minimum housing maintenance standards on houses and mobile homes. 23.53% either disagree or strongly disagree while 15.97% feel neutral to the matter.



Community Facilities

1. I support the Overseas Heritage Trail on US1 and would like to have a connecting trail running through my neighborhood.

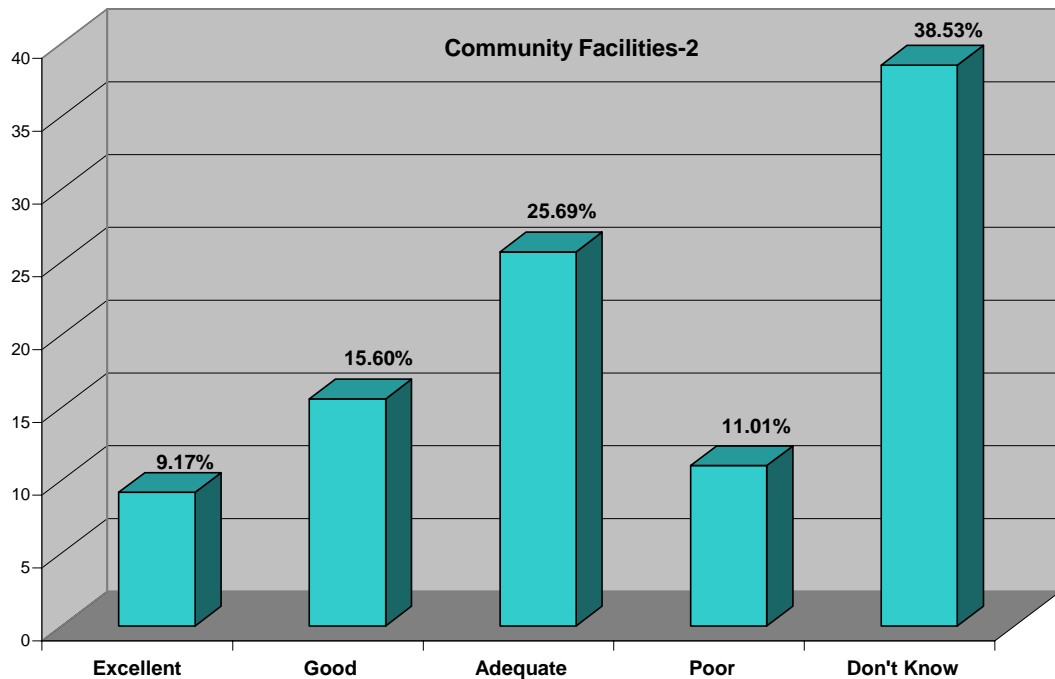


For the issue of support for the Overseas Heritage Trail there is a split between those that agree and those that disagree. Overall, 43.44% agree or strongly agree while 36.89% either disagree or strongly disagree. 19.67% are neutral.



Community Facilities

2. How would you rate the current public bus service on Stock Island?

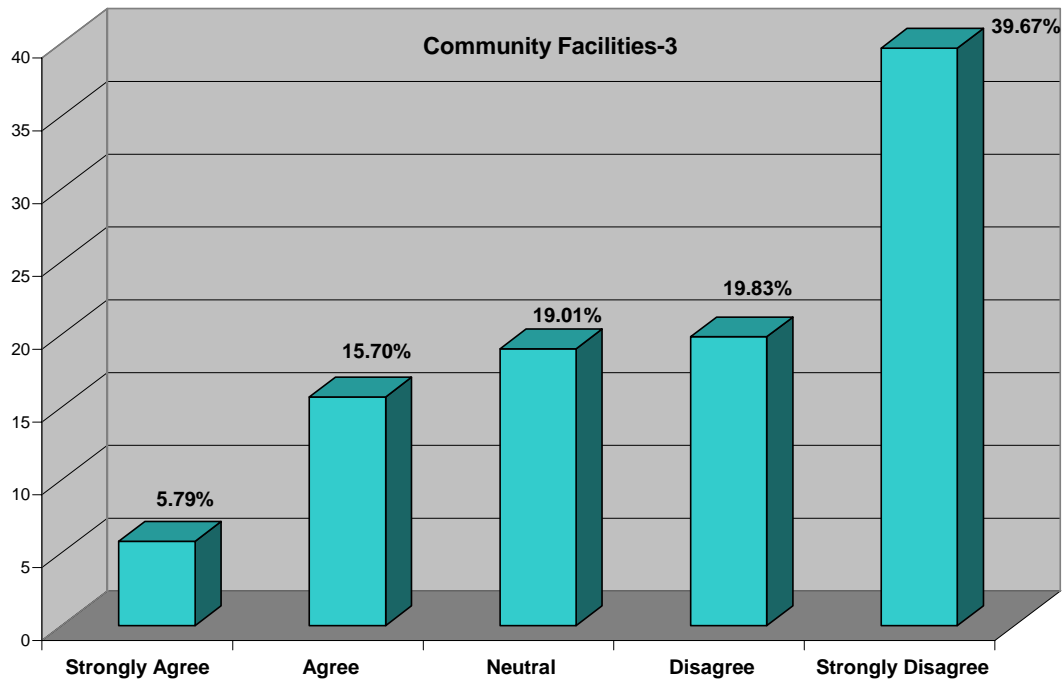


For this question, more people do not know about their public bus service than those that do. This also correlated with the responses concerning the primary mode of transport taken to work which was either the vehicle or walking. Actually, according to the survey 0% of the responders actually take the bus as their primary form of transport. However, 24.77% of the responders rate the service as either good or excellent while 36.7% rate the service as either adequate or poor.



Community Facilities

3. I would be willing to pay additional property taxes to pay for the provision of additional community facilities and services.

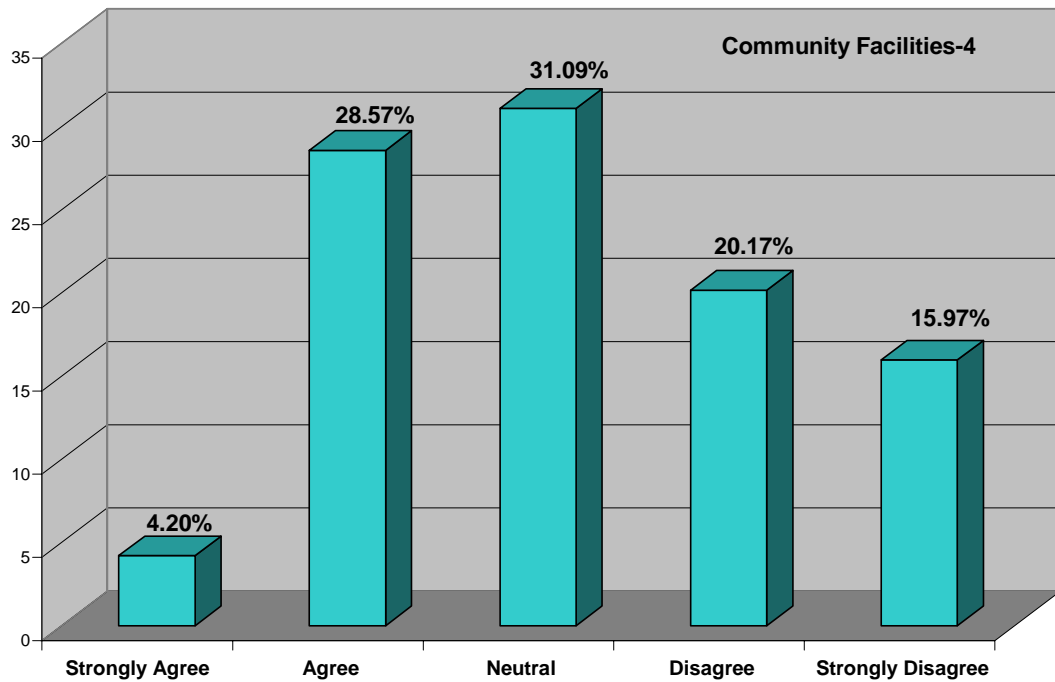


59.5% of the responders either disagree or strongly disagree with paying additional property taxes for the provision of additional community facilities and services. 21.49% either agree or strongly agree with paying the additional taxes. 19.01% feel neutral to this matter.



Community Facilities

4. I am satisfied with the level of opportunity for residents to provide input on County decisions.



For this answer, the percentages between those that agree, disagree and are neutral are relatively close. Overall, 32.77% either agree or strongly agree while 35.14% either disagree or strongly disagree and 31.09% are neutral. However, only slightly more people disagree or strongly disagree than those who agree or strongly agree.



Additional Comments:

The additional comments section ranged in responses from a fear of annexation from Key West to the regulation of street signs. The most popular comment made concerned housing. Many people appear concerned about losing their current housing or being pushed out due to high property taxes.

The second most popular comment was made in reference to trash and sewage problems. Sewage problems were targeted at the cruise ships in Key West. Some expressed fear to swim in the canal due to contaminated water.

The other two most mentioned concerns related to transportation and safety. Entwined in these comments were concerns for children on the street and bicycle safety. References were also directed towards scooters and the amount of noise they emit.

Finally, many people adamantly stated that Stock Island and Key Haven were two very different communities with different needs. References were made to keep the two separate in our planning.



Top Responses

1. Taking all things into consideration, how would you rate the overall quality of life in your Island Community?

-High

2. What are the top three reasons why you choose to live here? (check three).

-Close to work

-community atmosphere

-feeling of safety

3. If you moved into this area within the last 10 years, where did you live immediately before moving to this area?

-30% moved in this past 10 years

4. Which of the following choices best describes the type of housing in which you now live? (Check one).

-Single Family

5. a). Are you Employed?

-Yes

b.) If yes, Where?

-Key West

6. What best describes you?

-Retired/Full Time

7. How do you get to work?

-Car

8. Approximately how long does it take you to get to work?

-Zero to Fifteen

9. Approximately how many Planning Commission meetings have you attended or watched?

-Zero

10. How do you get your information?

-Key West Citizen

-Key Noter

-Radio Station

11. Community Facilities most needed?

-Fire Station



12. Recreational Facilities most needed?
-Bicycle and Pedestrian Trails
13. Awareness of Comprehensive Plan
-Neutral
14. Residential and Commercial uses should be separated
-Agree
15. Importance of preserving natural resources
-Strongly Agree
16. Maintain land for light industrial and commercial fishing
-Strongly Agree
17. Revitalize area of US 1
-Strongly Agree
18. Support increase tourism industry
-Strongly Disagree
19. Support regulation protecting commercial fishing industry?
-Agree
20. Support ordinance for uniform design for off premise signs
-Agree
22. Support ordinance to impose housing maintenance standards on houses and mobile homes
-Agree
23. Support Overseas Heritage Trail on US 1
-Agree
24. Current public bus service
-Don't Know
25. Pay additional property taxes for community facilities and services?
-Strongly Disagree
26. Satisfaction with the level of opportunity for resident input
-Neutral